

July 7, 2019
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! ~ Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Propers for this Sunday: pp. 135 – 137, Tone 3

Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., JULY 7

8:00 A.M.

8:30 A.M.

2:00 P.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Rosary

DIVINE LITURGY

For the Parishioners

Blessing of Graves at Mount Olivet Cemetery

SUN., JULY 14

8:00 A.M.

8:30 A.M.

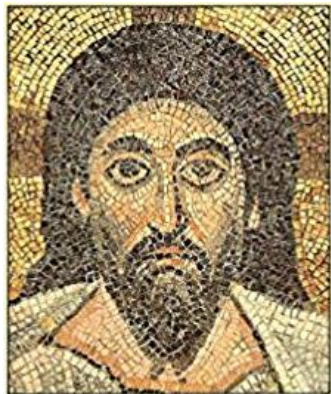
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Rosary

DIVINE LITURGY

For the Parishioners

Advance notice:
Sunday, Aug. 4
Liturgy will be at
11:00 A.M. for
our Church Picnic



Embrace Faith - There is no coercion with God. He always has a good will towards us. He gives reliable counsel to men and angels (who are also rational beings), to whom He has given the power of choice. Those who yield obedience therefore possess what is good freely and justly. It is given by God but preserved by themselves.... The human spirit is possessed of free will from the beginning, and God is possessed of free will, in whose likeness man was created. Man is advised to hold fast to the good and thereby be responsive to God. This refers not only to works but to faith as well. God preserved the human will free

and under self-control, as is shown in Jesus' words to the centurion: *"Go. Be it done for you as you have believed."* (Irenaeus, *From Against Heresies*)

Happy Birthday Greetings this Week:

July 11: Betty Zapko, July 13: Eleanor Fedell

Wedding Anniversaries this Week:

July 12: Dwight & Mary Dickey, 50 years!

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

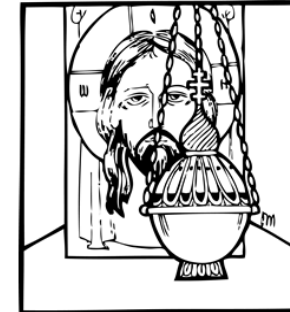
HOME – Margaret Barilla, Eileen Batcha, Natalie Jugan-Diaz, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Alice Haber, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Neil Jugan, Marion Malackanich, Josephine Maruhnich, Carole Panella, Mary Salamon

Hunter's Care Home (1916 Main St, Aliquippa, PA 15001) – Mary Poiarkoff

West Hills Health & Rehab Center (951 Brodhead Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108) – Margaret Klacik

Beaver Meadows (5130 Tuscarawas Rd, Beaver, PA 15009) - Paul Valiga, Angie Yuhasz

Epistle Readers – July 7: Jo Ann Hersh – July 14: Louisa Hersh
Ushers – July 7: R. Dzumba/F.Hersh – July 14: J. Yurosky, R. Mudron
Troica Holders – July 7: R. Mudron – July 14: F. Hersh



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

July 7 – 13, 2019

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:

+ John Salamon
(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:
Wife, Mary



God bless your generosity!

"Everyone must give according to whatever he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver."

(2 Cor 9:7)

The Faith of the Centurion

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well. Luke 7:9-10 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 7:1-10



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ST. GEORGE FLEA MARKET THIS WEEK!

July 12 & 13, 9:00 – 2:00

Our Flea Market is THIS WEEK! MANY NICE ITEMS HAVE BEEN DONATED! EVERYONE please PRAY, come, and bring your friends to our Flea Market THIS WEEK, JULY 12 & 13. Also tell EVERYONE you know about our Flea Market!

Sorting and Pricing Flea Market Items

We will sort and price items beginning Monday, July 8 at 10:00 A.M. and continue each day until finished. If you are able to come and help with this event, it will be greatly appreciated. We'll serve lunch.

Don't Forget to Bake for the Bake Sale

Bring your baked goods BEFORE the Flea Market begins!

Don't Forget to Come and Work at the Flea Market

All hands on deck! Everyone's help is needed to work and/or to shop!

Advertising the Flea Market

You can still pass out flyers, it's not too late. Also PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE share on Facebook!

Blessing of Graves TODAY (If Fr. Michael is here)

We will have the Blessing of Graves on Sunday July 7 at 2:00 P.M. with a Panachida Service at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. We will meet at the Cross at the main entrance of the cemetery for this service. Come and pray for your deceased family members. *The Holy Spirit reminds us "not to reject the traditions of our elders, which they have learned from their fathers" (Sirach 8:9).*

A Celebration of Marriage - The Archeparchy of Pittsburgh annually honors married couples of the Archeparchy who have achieved milestone anniversaries. A special Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by His Eminence Archbishop Metropolitan William on Sunday, September 8, 2018 at 3:00 P.M. at St. Elias Church in Munhall. A dinner reception will follow. Couples who will be celebrating or have already celebrated in 2019 wedding anniversaries of **10, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50, or additional years that are multiples of five** are invited to attend this celebration of marriage. All couples of the Archeparchy who are celebrating a significant anniversary will receive a certificate to honor the milestone.

A Summer Full of Spiritual, Liturgical, and Fun Events...

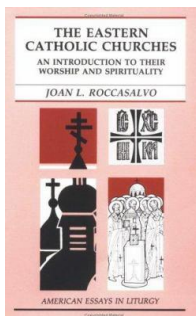
Upcoming Calendar of Events

July 7 Blessing of Graves Panachida, at Mt. Olivet 2:00 P.M.
July 8 Flea Market Set-up Begins, 10:00 A.M.
July 9 & 11 Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.
July 12 & 13 Flea Market, Haluski and Bake Sale (info in bulletin)
July 16 & 18 Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.
July 18 & 19 Vacation Bible School (info in bulletin)
July 20 St. Elijah Holy Day
July 25 99th Annual Byzantine Catholic Day at Kennywood, (Russkij Den')
July 30 & August 1 Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.
August 4 Church Picnic & Open House, 11:00 A.M. Liturgy (info in bulletin)
August 6 Transfiguration, Solemn Holy Day, Blessing of Fruit
August 6 & 8 Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.
August 13 & 15 Walking Club, 7:00 A.M.



Summer Reading - We have many books and resources for you to borrow this summer from our "upstart" Church Library. These resources are available at the Church Store display in the Center. There are some **VERY GOOD** free resources. **If you haven't looked, you should!**

On Spiritual reading: "Without entering into temptation, no man will ever gain the wisdom from the Holy Spirit; and without perseverance in reading, he will know no refinement of thoughts"



NEW TITLE! The Eastern Catholic Churches: An Introduction to Their Worship and Spirituality. In recent years a new interest in the Eastern Churches has emerged in the Western Churches both Catholic and Protestant. The reader of this work will find answers to such fundamental questions as Who are Eastern Catholics?" "How did the Eastern Catholic Churches originate?" "Who are Orthodox Christians?" "How do Orthodox Christians differ from Eastern Catholics?" "Why do so many diverse Eastern Churches exist?" While it cannot answer all these questions thoroughly, this concise booklet can help interested laity, theological students, and ministers come to understand and respect Eastern Catholicism for its many contributions to the universal Catholic Church.

Church Family News...

We congratulate Parishioners Dwight and Mary Dickey on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married here at St. George Church on July 12, 1969. *God grant them many blessed years! Mno Haja Lita!*



Do you have any news you would like published in our bulletin? We now have a Church family news corner. Please send articles and/or pictures to: stgbyz@gmail.com

Walking Club Returns July 9

Walkers will meet again this week Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 A.M. to walk the ¼ mile loop and trails on our Church grounds (*Weather permitting*). Water, juice, and fruit will be available following the walks. Stepping away—literally—from the demands of our daily routines to walk, reflect and pray reminds us that God created us and wants to come near to us. **Bring your dog, bring the kids! Both bodies and souls are important to the Christian.**



99th Byzantine Catholic Day at Kennywood (Russkij Den') - This year's Russkij Den' will be on **Thursday, July 25**. Discounted tickets can be ordered through the GCU. Fun Day tickets: \$25 ages 4-54, \$15 age 55 +, \$11 age 70 +. There is also a catered lunch for which you need advanced tickets: \$15 all you can eat. To order tickets call 724-495-3400 ext. 3809 by July 8.

WELCOME - We extend a warm welcome to our parishioners, visitors, and friends. We are glad that you have come to worship with us today and pray that your participation in our parish will be enriching to you. Following every Sunday Divine Liturgy, Fellowship Coffee and doughnuts are served! We invite everyone to STAY and join us.



Setting up Flea Market:

Beginning Monday at 10:00 A.M. and continuing each day till finished
Work the Flea Market: Fri. & Sat. 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Come and Help!

Together in the Holy Trinity ... One Faith, One Church, One Future!

Let us pray that we as a parish will do **ALL WE CAN** to implement our plans to grow our parish as we remember: *God has entrusted St. George Church to each of us. Each and every one of us is responsible to God for its future! Let's work together to build up our Church and God's Kingdom!*

Ask yourselves; **“Have I participated in parish events, both spiritual and social?” “Do I keep a positive attitude towards our parish events and activities?” “Can I reach out to others in Church or invite others to Church events and services?” “Do I stay for Fellowship Hour after Church?”** If not, it is never too late to begin. Our bulletin is chock full of upcoming events!

We have many ideas to help US grow as a parish AND to attract others as well.

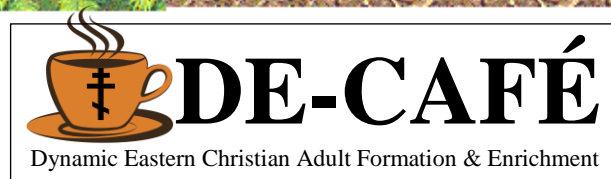
BE A PART OF IT ALL!

“Let our faces show our joy, which is not based on our changing circumstances but the unchanging presence of the risen Lord among us.”

Use Your Talent - God has given each part of His creation a talent according to their ability. We are the ones who have decided that to be talented means that we excel in one of several high-paying careers or have some skill which makes us popular in a worldly sense. God's idea of talents is based on their usefulness to others, not on how rich or famous they may make us. We all will be held accountable for using the talent we have been given and whether we have used it for God's Kingdom.

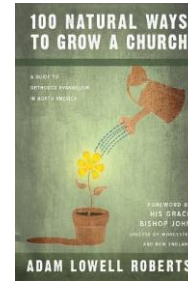
Formation is a Lifelong Process!

As the harvesters of the Lord's vineyard, it is **our duty** to be educated and well-informed of our Eastern Catholic faith in order to build up the Kingdom of God and to grow in our own personal relationship with the Most Holy Trinity. Will you seek to nurture an encounter with God that leads **each of us** into a deepening communion with Him? **Be sure to join us over coffee for Dynamic, Eastern Christian Adult Formation and Enrichment with accompanying video presentations.** Session dates TBA.



Setting up Flea Market: Beginning Monday at 10:00 A.M. and continuing each day till finished

Come and Help!



NEW TITLE! 101 Natural Ways to Grow a Church. Our Lord Jesus Christ called His followers to be light, salt, and yeast in society. In other words, we are to offer a witness of God's Love and Good News to all people everywhere. Too often, though, our Churches remain closed and stagnant, uninterested in sharing our great treasure of faith with those outside our faith community. Even those communities that want to faithfully follow Christ's evangelistic call, often don't know how to do it. This creative little book by Adam Lowell Roberts answers the question "how" by offering 100 practical and easy ideas for a congregation to implement, so that they can take more seriously their role in offering Christ's light to the world around us. **This book gives ideas we could quickly implement at St. George. Entries 1-41 are quickest and easiest to implement and can be headed by ANYONE within the Church. One will surely speak to you!**

Save the Date



St. George's annual picnic will be for **both parishes** on **Sunday, August 4**. We will also have an Open House on this day, which simply means inviting others; friends, family, coworkers. So mark your calendars, **take a flyer**, and invite your family, friends, neighbors, and social media friends, etc. Let us make the picnic and Open House as successful as our Feast day celebration by working together and inviting others!

Vacation Bible School Returns – An abbreviated Vacation Bible School will be held this year **Thursday and Friday, July 18 & 19** at 10:00 A.M. It has been a challenging year for our ECF program, but we applaud our youth and their families' commitment to further their faith through Vacation Bible School and for staying faithful to their Church! Great things come in small packages! All ages are welcome to come and to bring their friends!



Parents: Stay for a cup of coffee, and spend time reading from our Library and join us for lunch!

Parishioners: Come and read from our Library and join us for lunch!

WE ARE EXPECTING YOU!

"For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

But the centurion answered Him, “Lord, I am not worthy to have You come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.”

The Gospel story of the centurion tells us about a man whose faith exceeded that of the Jewish people, although he himself was a pagan. A person dear to him was ill and he came to Christ, asking for a miracle, asking that the Lord should have mercy on him. Christ answered the man saying, “I will come, I will heal him.” This is where the amazing centurion’s faith was manifested. So often when we pray, we ask the Lord insistently to come close to us, to make His presence felt, so that we may clearly feel His power. This man acted with great simplicity, saying to Christ: “No don’t trouble yourself to come. I am a sinful man and not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but just say the word and my servant will be healed.” One word from God - that was what the man asked for, not the joy of contact which we all long. We ask the Lord that He should fulfill our requests and, in addition to that, grant us the miraculous joy of His presence.

The centurion appreciated in his heart how holy the Lord was, how great, and was ready to forgo this joy if only his friend, his servant would recover. Often we could turn to God and say, “Help me, Lord. I do not need to know what is happening, nor to feel Your action; only do Your will, silently, as it were from a distance, unnoticed by me.” If only we were able to turn to God with such faith, with such a feeling of His holiness, how close the Lord would be. He is always close, He is always approaching us, but we can sense Him only with a loving and humble heart. A spark of love we sometimes have, but there is not much humility. So if we were to turn to God and say, “Lord, let the good, the holiness that my soul longs for be fulfilled for my dear ones, and me you can leave out. Pass me by on your way to them”, how the Lord would rejoice at the love which is ready to lay down its life, its joy, for others. Amen.

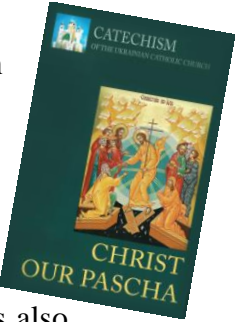
-Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh



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Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha

Environment in which Faith is Transmitted:. From a young age, children enter into the spiritual life. This life is built on prayer, hearing the Word of God, and receiving Holy Communion. As they grow to maturity, with the assistance of their parents, children grow in the grace of the Mystery of Baptism. They learn to overcome evil and do what is good. For children, the inheritance of faith received from their parents is a token of assurance of eternal life. The godly life of godparents and extended family members also plays an important role in a child's maturing in the faith. Christian family customs established in children a Christian perspective on human birth and death, the formation of families and familial relationships, and they develop a sense of belonging within the church community and ones people. (# 68)



Never Owning the Sundial

Phillips Brooks, a noted pastor and author, once told a story of a primitive tribe to whom a sundial had been given. They wanted to honor it and keep it sacred, so they built a small roofed hut to put it in. We should be careful not to smile, for great numbers of civilized people take many of God’s gifts and treat them in just the way the tribe did that didn’t understand what a sundial was for.



How many there are who take God’s gifts, not to use for larger life, but to keep and protect. So they put them in banks and safe deposit boxes. They house them and build a roof over them. Those primitive people never did own that sundial. It was not something to use and serve with, but something to be kept, to be guarded, to be concerned about. They had, in a measure, to live for it, not by it.

So, too often our gifts from God, our treasures and our talents, never belong to us. We have to keep them, worry about them, care for them, and share them in such a way that others will be drawn to Christ. **Nothing really belongs to us until we pass it on to others.**

Glory to Jesus Christ! ~ Glory Forever!

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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation.....Before and after Liturgies
Holy Mysteries of Initiation.....Contact the church office
Holy Mystery of AnointingAsk prior to surgery or serious illness
Holy Mystery of MarriageContact the church office eight months prior to wedding
Religious Education Classes.....September through May, following Sunday Divine Liturgy
Pirohi Sales 2nd Friday of each month, Sept. through May
St. George Ladies’ Guild & Men’s Club..... Everyone welcome to participate

God has entrusted St. George Church to each of us. Each and every one of us is responsible to God for its future! Let’s work together to build up our Church and God’s Kingdom!

